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A.—(a) & (b) A list showing the names of honorary organizers is placed in the Council Library. Information as to their caste is given wherever available.

(c) No allowance or any other kind of remuneration is at present given to honorary organizers.

(d) The hon. Member is referred to the circular memorandum of the Registrar-General of Panchayats containing hints to honorary organizers, a copy of which is placed in the Council Library.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to the answer given to clause (c) may I know why, when the Government allow travelling allowance to honorary assistant registrars of co-operative societies, they do not allow the same privilege to honorary organizers of village panchayats ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The question is under consideration.”

Education.

Age-limit for admission into Secondary schools.

* 2297 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued proceedings recently that boys over 20 years of age should be refused admission into secondary schools; and

(b) the reasons for this age-limit?

A.—(a) & (b) No proceedings were issued that boys over 20 years of age should be definitely refused admission into secondary schools. Heads of schools were, however, advised not to admit grown-up pupils. The intention of the circular has since been clearly explained to subordinate officers. The circular was merely advisory. The Director's intention was that if, for example, a man of 25 applied for admission to the fourth form the application should be rejected. A boy who has already entered the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate course would of course be permitted to finish his course. No definite age-limit has been prescribed by the Director in regard to the admission or promotion of pupils in secondary schools and the matter is therefore left to the discretion of heads of institutions.

Promotion of Mr. Velan as Deputy Inspector.

* 2298 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1732, dated 23rd March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) why Mr. Velan's claim referred to in the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction Dis. No. 2610/23, dated 24rd July 1923, for promotion to Deputy Inspector's cadre was not considered though there was a vacancy in 1923 and another in 1925 to which two non-Mappilla candidates possessing the same qualifications as Mr. Velan were appointed; and

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(b) whether these two gentlemen who were not Mappillas were appointed in Mappilla ranges or elsewhere?

A.—(a) & (b) During the years 1923 and 1925 there were no suitable vacancies in non-Muhammadian ranges for which M.R.Ry. N. Velan could be appointed. The two non-Mappilla officers referred to were appointed in short vacancies as they were senior to M.R.Ry. N. Velan. The latter has since been appointed as a Deputy Inspector, junior grade.

Appointment of Sub-Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 2299 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a new cadre of Sub-Deputy Inspectors has been created by him and if so, what is the strength of the cadre and how many are being recruited during the current year;

(b) whether he has fixed any qualifications of the candidates to be recruited or promoted;

(c) whether the department has been following the policy and the instructions contained in G.O. No. 658 of 1922 for adequate representation of unrepresented communities in the educational service both in the subordinate and in the superior services;

(d) whether the said Government Order is being applied in the case of recruitment of Sub-Deputy Inspectors and whether the list of appointments will be placed on the table of the House;

(e) whether the secondary trained headmasters of elementary training schools are taken into the Sub-Deputy Inspectors cadre;

(f) whether the policy enunciated by the Government is that the officers of Government shall be appointed or posted to the language area to which they belong; and

(g) whether such arrangements have been followed in superior and subordinate educational service?

A.—(a) The Government have sanctioned the creation of a new agency of junior grade of Deputy Inspectors. The number of officers in the cadre is 71, all of whom will be recruited during the current year.

(b) No qualification has been prescribed by Government. It is understood that the Director of Public Instruction has taken as the minimum qualification for appointment as Junior Deputy Inspectors the possession of a secondary grade trained teachers' certificate.

(c) The instructions contained in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, are borne in mind when making appointments.

(d) The Government Order is being applied in the case of recruitment of Junior Deputy Inspectors. The Government consider